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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. European Patent Publication No. 0 685 953 A, published December 6, 1995.
2. United States Patent No. 5,594,778, issued January 14, 1997.
3. European Patent Publication No. 0 602 840 A, published June 22, 1994.
4. Japanese Patent Publication No. 10-289045, published October 27, 1998.
5. International Patent Publication No. 97/35413 A, published September 25, 1997.
6. International Patent Publication No. 94/01958 A, published January 20, 1994.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses here with a copy of a corresponding European Search report dated July 25, 2003 and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites such documents and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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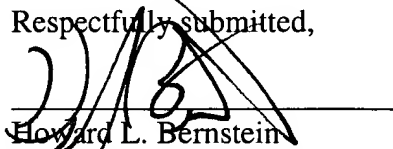
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